

[0017] Referring again to FIG. 1, in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, the hollow core 12 may be at least partially filled with a condiment 16, such as but not limited to, spices, peppers, mustard, ketchup, etc.

[0018] Reference is now made to FIG. 3. The hot dog 10 may be at least partially covered by an enclosure 18. For example, the hot dog 10 may be hermetically sealed in the enclosure 18. The enclosure 18 (e.g., sleeve) may have at least one open end 20, configured to allow the hot dog 10 or contents in the hollow core to be squeezed out the open end. The enclosure 18 may be edible (e.g., made of batter) or may be non-edible (e.g., made of a plastic), and may be heated together with the hot dog in any oven, microwave oven and the like.

[0019] Factory-finished hot dogs may come with condiments inside or not. Street-prepared hot dogs may allow insertion of condiments prior to consuming. Condiments may be inserted with an injection-like process and tool. Alternatively, the condiments may be prepared and sealed in a cylindrical container rigid enough for easy insertion into the hollow bore of the hot dog. The container may be wrapped in a sealed wrapping for hygienic reasons. Prior to insertion into the hot dog, the wrapping may be removed as well as the leading container end. The container is then inserted into the hot dog and the condiments released by a combination of squeezing and/or pulling the container out.

[0020] It will be appreciated by persons skilled in the art that the present invention is not limited by what has been particularly shown and described hereinabove. Rather the scope of the present invention includes both combinations and subcombinations of the features described hereinabove as well as modifications and variations thereof which would occur to a person of skill in the art upon reading the foregoing description and which are not in the prior art.

What is claimed is:

1. A food product comprising:
a generally cylindrical hot dog with a hollow core formed therein.
2. The food product according to claim 1, wherein said hollow core extends along a longitudinal axis of said hot dog.
3. The food product according to claim 1, wherein a diameter of said hollow core transverse to the longitudinal axis is at least half of an outer diameter of said hot dog.
4. The food product according to claim 1, wherein a diameter of said hollow core transverse to the longitudinal axis is between about one-quarter and three-quarters of an outer diameter of said hot dog.
6. The food product according to claim 1, wherein said hollow core is at least partially filled with a condiment.
7. The food product according to claim 1, wherein said hot dog is at least partially covered by an enclosure.
8. The food product according to claim 7, wherein said hot dog is hermetically sealed in said enclosure.
9. The food product according to claim 7, wherein said enclosure is a sleeve having at least one open end.
10. The food product according to claim 9, wherein said sleeve is configured to allow said hot dog or contents in said hollow core to be squeezed out the open end.
11. The food product according to claim 7, wherein said enclosure is edible.
12. The food product according to claim 7, wherein said enclosure is non-edible.
13. The food product according to claim 7, wherein said enclosure is heatable together with said hot dog.
14. The food product according to claim 1, wherein said hollow core is offset with respect to the longitudinal axis of said hot dog.
15. The food product according to claim 1, comprising a plurality of hollow cores formed in said hot dog.

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